

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL- TRUSTS AND CHARITIES COMMITTEE
CHAIRS ACTION - Highbury Essential Works – Additional Trust Funds
MATCHFUNDING HISTORIC ENGLAND AWARD**

Wards affected:	Moseley
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1.1	The Highbury Estate is held in trust, owned and managed by Birmingham City Council and Highbury Estate is a Registered Charity no 1039194. Highbury is on the Historic England 'Heritage at Risk' Register.
1.2	In February 2018 a report was approved by the Leader of the Council jointly with the Corporate Director, Economy and allocated £0.5m of Birmingham City Council funds for the undertaking of essential works at Highbury, principally to the roof of the north wing and to the main hall alongside other works in the premises.
1.3	Having undertaken further, more detailed investigations the funds available were insufficient to cover all works. At the suggestion of Historic England an urgent bid for additional funds was made and an award of £195,300 was made. Unfortunately, tender returns again exceeded the amount available and Historic England agreed to consider additional support. Historic England agreed to make an additional sum of £48,848 provided that matchfunding of a further we can provide add from our own resources the additional £20k required to meet the total required. This payment from the Highbury Revenue account would secure the £244,148 in total from Historic England.
1.4	The works for the refurbishment works at Highbury are desired to commence as soon as possible and a report for the award of the contract (P0507) will be considered by the Director, Inclusive Growth (Interim) at an early date.

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Decision - That the Chairman	
2.1	Agrees that £20,000 from the Highbury Trust unrestricted funds can be used as matchfunding to secure the award of funds from Historic England
2.2	Agrees that the award of funds from Historic England of £244,148 be accepted
2.3	That the negotiation of the terms for the Award be delegated to the Assistant Director of Property working with Acivico and Procurement to award the tender and undertake the works at Highbury.
2.4	Authorises the City Solicitor to prepare, negotiate, execute, seal and complete all necessary legal documentation to give effect to the above decisions.

Signature of the relevant Chairman in approving the allocation of funds from the Highbury Trust and the acceptance of the award of funds from Historic England to assist the undertaking of essential works at Highbury: -

Chairman of the Trusts and Charities Committee:
Councillor Akhlaq Ahmed

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Date:

Chief Officer:

Date

Appendix – Chairs Action report dated 9th January 2020